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SUBJ: PROJECT PORCUPINE - NASA REQUEST FOR AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE

REF: STATE 43100

1. US NAVY FACILITY AT CATANIA/SIGONELLA HAS JP-5, POWER CARTS AND HANGAR SPACE (2 HANGARS). ALTHOUGH BASE COMMANDER AT SIGONELLA ENVISAGES NO DIFFICULTY RE HANGAR SPACE DURING PERIOD MARCH 7 - APRIL 3, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR NASA TO ASSURE HIGH PRIORITY FOR HANGAR USE THROUGH NAVY CHANNELS.

2. EMBASSY HAS AMENDED ITS CLEARANCE REQUEST AT CIVILAVIA AS INSTRUCTED REFTTEL. PRIMARY REFUELING SITE FOR FERRYING TO/FROM GREECE (IF PROJECT PORCUPINE STAGES FROM GREECE) IS BRINDISI/CASALE WITH ALTERNATE SITES NAPLES/CAPODICHINO, ROME/CIAMPINO OR CATANIA/SIGONELLA, DEPENDING ON WEATHER. IF NECESSARY TO STAGE FROM ITALY RATHER THAN GREECE, PREFERRED SITE IS CATANIA/SIGONELLA WITH NAPLES/CAPODICHINO AND BRINDISI/CASALE AS FIRST AND SECOND ALTERNATES, RESPECTIVELY.

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3. CIVILAVIA (PILATI -- OIC, CLEARANCES) STATED CLEARANCE

AS AMENDED WOULD BE PROCESSED ASAP BUT COULD GIVE NO RPT
NO FIRM DATE BY WHICH ACTION WOULD BE COMPLETED. PILATI
SADI THERE SHOULD BE NO RPT NO PROBLEMS RE OVERFLIGHT/RE-
FUELING IF PROJECT PORCUPINE STAGES FROM GREECE, BUT THAT
PERMISSION TO STAGE FROM ITALY WAS MORE COMPLICATED QUESTION.

4. CONTACT AT EMBASSY IS FSO PAUL L. LAASE, CHIEF OF
EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC SECTION AND OIC CIVIL AFFAIRS. CMDR.
JOSEPH C. PORT, USN, OF DAO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISON WITH
US NAVY FACILITY AT CATANIA/SIGONELLA.

5. SINCE REFTEL DISCUSSES REFUELING STOP AT BRINDISI/CASALE,
EMBASSY ASSUMES NASA STILL CONSIDERING STAGING FROM GREECE.
PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY ASAP WHEN STAGING SITE IS DETERMINED.
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